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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE US EMBASSY

1. THE TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO PEACE COUNCIL (TTPC) HELD A
PEACEFUL PLACARD DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE US EMBASSY
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11. A SMALL ARTICLE IN THAT MORNING'S
TRINIDAD EXPRESS BILLED THE PROSPECTIVE DEMONSTRATION AS
QUOTE IN OBSERVANCE OF THE STRUGGLE STILL BEING WAGED BY
THE OPPRESSED CHILEAN MASSES AGAINST AMERICAN IMPERIALIST
AGGRESSION UNQUOTE.

2. THE DEMONSTRATION BEGAN, TYPICALLY, ABOUT AN HOUR LATER
THAN THE 10 A.M. SCHEDULED START AND CONSISTED OF FOUR MEN
CARRYING PLACARDS DENOUNCING THE PINOCHET REGIME AND ALLEGED
US CULPABILITY AND INTERFERENCE IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS AND DE-
MANDING THE CIA GET OUT OF TRINIDAD. THREE OTHER MEN PASSED
OUT LEAFLETS WITH MORE DETAILED PRESENTATIONS OF THESE
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THEMES. A STEADY RAIN THROUGHOUT MID-DAY CONSIDERABLY
DAMPENED THE FESTIVITIES FOR THE DEMONSTRATORS, WHO WERE
OUTNUMBERED BY THE UNIFORMED AND PLAINCLOTHES POLICEMEN
WATCHING THEM. THE DEMONSTRATORS DID NOT SEEK TO OBSTRUCT
THE FLOW OF PEOPLE INTO AND OUT OF THE EMBASSY NOR DID THEY
ASK TO SPEAK WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS. ON SEPTEMBER 9 THE
TTPC PRESENTED A SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE CHINESE

(PRC) EMBASSY HERE, DENOUNCING CHINA'S SOUTHEAST ASIA
POLICY AND PRONOUNCING SOLIDARITY WITH VIET

3. ESTABLISHED IN 1974 AS AN AFFILIATE OF THE WORLD PEACE
COUNCIL (WPC), THE TTPC INCLUDES SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN LOCAL
RADICALS AMONG ITS MEMBERSHIP, WHICH IS DRAWN LARGELY FROM
THE UNIVERSITY AND LEFT-WING TRADE UNION CIRCLES. IN THE
PAST TWO YEARS AT LEAST THE TTPC'S MAJOR ACTIVITY APPEARS
TO HAVE BEEN SENDING DELEGATES TO WPC-SPONSORED GATHERINGS
ABROAD. ONE OF THE TTPC DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF THE
EMBASSY WAS IDENTIFIED AS CLIVE NUMEZ, GENERAL SECRETARY
OF THE TRANSPORT AND INDUSTRIAL WORKERS UNION AND WELL-KNOWN
RADICAL ACTIVIST. O'MAHONY

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